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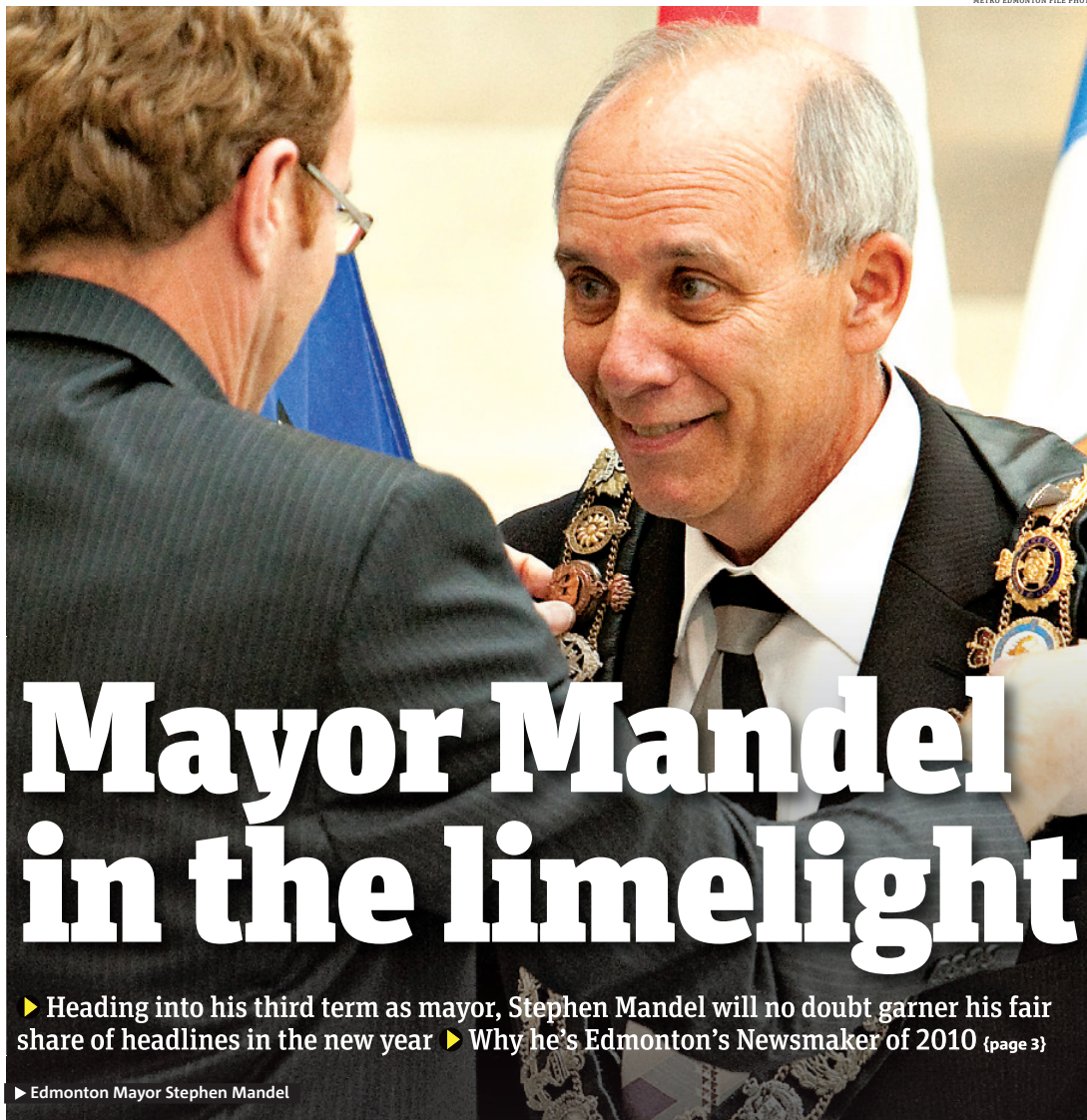
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► Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel

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# Mandel lands top newsmaker

Engineering his third consecutive mayoral victory and leading the way for Edmonton for much of the past decade, Stephen Mandel was named our 2010 newsmaker of the year.

In the opinion of Metro readers, Mandel's vision for building the city of Edmonton was worthy of the nod for this year's top newsmaker.

Since first being elected

as a councillor in Ward 1 in 2001, then as mayor in 2004, Mandel, our readers believe, has been instrumental in helping to create a more vibrant city, along with fighting to build the infrastructure the city needs to foster more growth.

While several events over the course of 2010 may have earned Mandel the nomination as the city's top newsmaker, it

was likely the fact he won his third consecutive term as mayor, with a convincing 55 per cent of the vote.

But the past year wasn't without its share of challenges for the mayor.

Expansion of the light-rail transit system has been on the minds of Edmontonians, as the city attempts to lay tracks for future transit growth, an initiative that has come under scrutiny in recent

years.

Only in the latter half of the year did the public become actively engaged in the process for determining the best route for the southeast and west portions of the LRT system.

The Edmonton Oilers are always news in the capital city, and a new arena deal for the downtown area has been on the radar for several years.

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## Almost lost

Mandel and the city narrowly avoided losing the Indy race.

► **Money** The annual Honda Indy Edmonton has been an economic boon to the city, but it was almost scrapped because of the cost to Edmonton.

# Oh, how the cookie crumbled in 2010

► It's always enlightening — and sobering — to look back at the year and remember what made news

## 1 The cookie

We've actually chosen to single out the cookie as a newsmaker in its own right — having been the centrepiece in Alberta's Cookiegate. Yes, it was actually former AHS boss Dr. Stephen Duckett that made the oatmeal raisin cookie famous, but we'd be nowhere today without the Edmonton-made La Persaud cookie itself.

## 2 The arena deal

Or should we say, the move to Quebec City? In what some might have deemed a stunt by the Edmonton Oilers organization, trying to nudge the city into pushing through the downtown arena project, officials from the hockey club were in Quebec City to talk with that city's mayor in early December.

## 3 Indy

The Indy race has been an enigma wrapped in a riddle for much of 2010, with the city's decision to put the brakes on the event in November because of the mounting costs of hosting the racing event. Rumour swirled the event could be headed to Calgary or even Vancouver, and race groups were mystified the city wouldn't put money into the event when it generated millions in economic spinoffs for the city.

## 4 Expo 2017

Calgary bowed out early, leaving Edmonton as the lone Alberta city vying for the 2017 World's Fair. In many circles, Edmonton was considered to have just as good a shot as any to land the event. ● METRO



► What once was lost has now been found — the city found a way to seal the deal with the Edmonton Indy after saying it couldn't come to an agreement.



Mobile video and the rise of 3-D TV among 2011's big tech stories. Scan code for the story.



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# 2010: a blizzard of news

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► 2010: Earthquakes, explosions, snowstorms and war, but it wasn't all bad news ► Crosby seals Olympic gold

Here are the top Canadian news events of 2010 from the Canadian Press:

- Canadians rally to offer aid when Haiti devastated by strongest earthquake to hit impoverished nation in more than 200 years.
- Zakaria Amara, main organizer of the so-called Toronto 18 plot to bomb high-profile Ontario targets, is sentenced to life in prison.
- Col. Russell Williams is charged with first-degree murder in deaths of two eastern Ontario women and with sexually assaulting two others.
- Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili, 21, is killed during Olympic training run before Winter Olympics.
- Canada finishes Van-

couver Winter Games with a record 14 gold medals for a host country.

- Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard, Canada's top soldier in Afghanistan, is relieved of command after allegations of inappropriate relationship with female subordinate while in theatre.
- Roving bands of militants use so-called Black Bloc tactics at G20 protest in Toronto, smashing store windows and torching police cars; violence sparks police crackdown that ends with more than 1,000 arrests by next day.
- Controversial harmonized sales tax (HST) is implemented in Ontario and B.C.
- University of Waterloo academic David Johnston named Canada's new governor general.

• Ontario Superior Court Justice Susan Himel strikes down Canada's prostitution laws, but federal government later wins extended stay while it appeals.

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper confirms Canadian troops to stay in Afghanistan past July 2011 deadline.
- Canada loses bid for one of the non-permanent seats on UN Security Council.
- Five Canadian tourists and two Mexican employees are killed in massive explosion in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.
- Mass rescue of hundreds of people trapped in their vehicles overnight after a massive snowstorm and high winds shut down highway near Sarnia, Ont.

## Canada



► Actor Randy Quaid – who played a hard-drinking, ultra-paranoid pilot who claimed he was once abducted by aliens in the movie Independence Day – came to Canada seeking asylum because Hollywood “star whackers” were out to kill him. Quaid said if it weren't for Canada's refugee system he and his wife would be dead.

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# 2010 — year of disasters

► 260,000 killed — most deadly year since 1983, according to WHO officials

This was the year the Earth struck back.

Earthquakes, heat waves, floods, volcanoes, super typhoons, blizzards, landslides and droughts killed at least a quarter million people in 2010; the deadliest year in more than a generation. More

people were killed worldwide by natural disasters this year than have been killed by terrorists in the past 40 years combined.

"It just seemed like it was back-to-back, and it came in waves," said Craig Fugate, who heads the U.S. Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency. It handled a record number of disasters in 2010.

And we have ourselves to blame most of the time, scientists and disaster experts say.

Poor construction and development practices conspire to make earth-

quakes more deadly than they need be. More people live in poverty in vulnerable buildings in crowded cities. The January earthquake that killed well more than 220,000 people in Haiti is a perfect example.

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► A girl suffering cholera symptoms receives treatment at the Doctors Without Borders temporary hospital in Port-au-Prince.

## Celebrities to influence travel in 2011

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► Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton will marry on April 29, 2011.

Anniversaries, events, celebrities and the economy will influence travel in 2011, from the royal wedding in London, to the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11th attacks in New York.

London is sure to be crowded for the April 29 wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. "If Charles and Diana got 600,000 people who came into London for that wedding, I could see a million for this one," said travel expert Pauline Frommer, creator of the Pauline Frommer Guides.

New York has also turned up on hot lists for 2011, including the No. 1 city in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2011 guidebook. "For all of New York, 11 September 2011 will be a defining moment," wrote the publisher's U.S. travel editor Robert Reid. A Sept. 11 memorial, with reflecting pools set above the footprints of the World Trade Center, is expected to open in time for the anniversary of the attacks.

Crowds are also expected to turn out for the opening in Washington, D.C., of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial on the National Mall.

An 8.5-metre-tall statue of the slain civil rights leader will be dedicated between the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials on Aug. 28, near the spot where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech 48 years earlier.

Several destinations are hoping that attention from celebrities will bring them more visitors in the new year. Australia spent \$4 million to host Oprah Winfrey and 300 of her fans on a weeklong trip Down Under, but government officials say they got tourism advertising worth many millions more in return.

The 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War is also being marked this year.

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One of the biggest questions for 2011 is how consumers will view travel to Europe. Air travel by North Americans to Europe was down about one per cent for the first six months of 2010.



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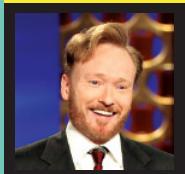




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### Scene in brief



What began as a grand, highly promoted experiment in late-night, ended in a fiasco that made NBC a laughing stock and captivated the country. In January 2010, NBC sought to displace their newly crowned Tonight Show host, Conan O'Brien, by restoring Jay Leno to 11:35 p.m. O'Brien, however, didn't go for the 30-minute shift, and the fallout made for one of the most public debacles in network history. Allegiances were drawn, with many supporting Team Co-Go. In the end, O'Brien left with an enormous settlement, rediscovered himself in a cross-country concert-hall road trip, and finally ended up with a new show at TBS. Leno retook the Tonight Show. The dramatic upheaval of late-night at NBC was chosen as 2010's entertainment story of the year, as voted on by Associated Press members.

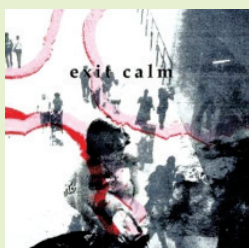
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In the year of Move and Kinect, Red Dead Redemption moved and connected.

► You've already seen a ton of Best Albums of 2010 lists, all featuring the usual suspects. So I thought I'd offer my list of albums that seemed to get lost in the shuffle this year. Each deserves a second listen.

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# 1

### Exit Calm, *Exit Calm*

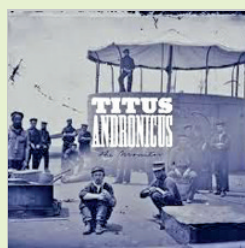
A Yorkshire band reminiscent of early-to-mid period Verve marbled with a little shoe gazer. Too fuzzy and floaty for the mainstream, it nevertheless is one of the better records of its kind in recent memory.



# 2

### Peter Gabriel, *Scratch My Back*

When this album of covers arranged for orchestra was released in February, a lot of people said, 'this is what we've been waiting EIGHT YEARS for?' and turned away. That was a mistake because Gabriel does some interesting re-imagining with this record, especially with David Bowie's *Heroes*.



# 3

### Titus Andronicus, *The Monitor*

A band named after a Shakespearean play with a concept album about the U.S. Civil War? At first blush, this sounds ridiculous and self-indulgent. Closer inspection is rewarded with one of the more erudite CDs of 2010.



# 4

### Delphic, *Acolyte*

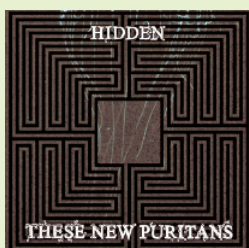
An astonishingly mature-sounding debut from a young Manchester band. If New Order were starting out today, they might sound like these people. The perfect music for hip hair salons and the lobbies of boutique hotels.



# 5

### Free Energy, *Free Energy*

Disappointed by the latest offerings from Weezer or the prolonged absence of the Strokes? Then try the debut record from this Philadelphia band. Bang Pop is a terrific single.



# 6

### These New Puritans, *Hidden*

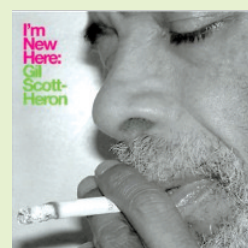
If you read British music magazines, you have noticed this CD at the top of several year-end lists. I was hooked from the moment I heard the song *We Want War*. If Braveheart were around today, he'd have his army marching to this.



# 7

### Tobacco, *Maniac Meat*

When I played this album for a friend, he came close to stroking out because of its sheer bizarreness. If you make it out alive, try Tobacco's full-time band, Black Moth Super Rainbow.



# 8

### Gil Scott-Heron, *I'm New Here*

Without the influence of G S-H's work in the 70s, rap and hip-hop would have evolved very differently. This album is his first in 15 years (dude's been in jail, so he was, er, otherwise occupied) and showed that he hadn't lost any of his vitality.

## Rappers' free mix tapes hotter than real albums?

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When looking back at 15-plus years of making records, Canadian rapper Buck 65 doesn't have a hard time picking favourites.

But looking back on his personal highlights, Buck 65 doesn't immediately think of the early avant-hip-hop records that won him widespread critical acclaim. Nor does he point to 2004's *Talkin' Honky Blues*, which won him a Juno Award.

**"There's no pressure when making a mixtape...it's just a lot more freedom to just be you and do what you wanna do."**

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Instead, the rapper (whose real name is Rich Terfry) looks to his three-part *Dirtbike* mixtape se-



► Kardinal Offshall

ries, modestly put together at home and released for free.

Though the 2008 recordings lacked the five-figure budget of a proper label release and included mistakes (Terfry admits he accidentally taped some vocals with the microphone facing the wrong way), those mixtapes stand among the performer's personal career highlights.

In hip hop, it sometimes seems rappers re-

lease mixtapes with the casual ease of a baseball flamethrower tossing out warmup pitches.

Mixtapes — typically assembled hastily and released for free — have become pretty much a necessity for rappers looking to create buzz, whether they're being passed out on a street corner by fledgling MCs or being dropped digitally by multi-platinum superstars.

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## Mad Men heads top 10 shows in 2010

► Television logged its share of ups and downs in 2010

1

### Mad Men (AMC)

This series' fourth season resumed in November 1964 with magnetic ad man Don Draper (series star Jon Hamm) divorced and struggling at his startup agency. The season ended a year later as Draper found love — or so he thought — with his beautiful young secretary. Maybe the series' best year yet.

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2

### Spartacus: Blood and Sand (Starz)

With all the bloody violence, you felt the urge to take a shower. With all the hardbodies and hanky-panky, you wanted to take a cold shower. An orgasmic blend of hyper-realism and epic fantasy, with an outstanding cast including Lucy Lawless (Xena: Warrior Princess), this show is a wicked treat unlike anything else on TV.

3

### Treme (HBO)

Set in the months after Hurricane Katrina, this drama is a sometimes joyful, sometimes painful homage to New Orleans. There is plenty of evident rage over the preventable disaster that resulted from Katrina. But there's also music, soul and cultural zest propelling this saga of a city determined to get back on its feet.

4

### 30 Rock (NBC)

By now, its fifth season, this wildly celebrated comedy should either be feeling its age or larded with self-satisfaction.

Instead, it's as zany, fresh and inspired as ever. Its send-up of big business, with a conglomerate called Kabletown devouring GE Sheinhardt NBC Universal, has represented 30 Rock at its wackiest.

5

### Walking Dead (AMC)

A tattered band of survivors faced a zombie invasion in Atlanta (and who knows how far beyond) in a drama that proved macabre, suspenseful, poignant and horribly funny.

Its all-too-fleeting six-episode first season left the audience as ravenous as zombies to feast on the monstrous twists surely lurking next year.

### Three more

Those shows that just missed out on a place in the top five.

- 6. Super Bowl Ad with Dave, Jay and Oprah (CBS) Produced on the sly and aired just once, during last February's Super Bowl telecast.
- 7. Luther (BBC America) Idris Elba (The Wire) stars as the charismatic, tormented Luther.
- 8. The Good Wife (CBS) In its second season, this courtroom-and-family drama is better than before.

## TV's downfall in 2011?

► Google TV in the U.S. allows consumers to watch web content on the big screen

As television executives try to predict how the industry will evolve in 2011 as more viewers watch shows online, they're cognizant — and perhaps a little worried — about the painful lessons learned from the music industry's digital revolution.

They know all too well that once consumers can access free content on their own terms, it's awfully difficult to return to the status quo.

Few think 2011 will be the year Canadians cancel their cable subscriptions en

masse and start watching TV exclusively through the Internet, but it may mark the start of that seemingly inevitable future.

"We're not jumping off our buildings worried about it ... but I don't believe any of us are naive

enough to believe that we alone can halt the inevitable progress of technology and the merging of multiple screens," said Alon Marcovici, CTV's executive vice president of digital media.

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## Bullock's marriage ends in cheating scandal

Two weeks after winning the Best Actress Oscar, Sandra Bullock found out via supermarket tabloid that her husband was cheating on her with a woman who tattooed her own face.

Jesse James's mistress count would soon rival that of Tiger Woods. Bullock refused to throw herself a public pity party, initiated divorce proceedings immediately and then revealed to the world that she'd managed to conceal an adoption.

She introduced baby Louis on her own terms on the cover of People magazine, proving that celebrities can maintain privacy ... if they actually want to.



## Mel Gibson's public blowup



This was the year Mel Gibson went from Braveheart to Breathe Hard.

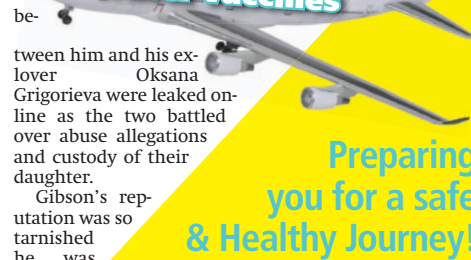
The world was made intimately familiar with Gibson's raging rants and

heavy exhales after cellphone conversations

between him and his ex-lover Oksana Grigorieva were leaked online as the two battled over abuse allegations and custody of their daughter.

Gibson's reputation was so tarnished he was

dropped from a cameo in The Hangover sequel.



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## Swift's musical heartbreak inspires

Taylor Swift's Speak Now was the highest selling album of the year. Her song Dear John is widely be-

lieved to be about John Mayer, with whom she was secretly involved for six months until, in typical

Mayer fashion, he broke her heart. She poured it out in song, describing an immature narcissist.

## William, Kate get engaged

People lose their minds over ordinary weddings. When it comes to a Royal Wedding, things get straight up out of control.

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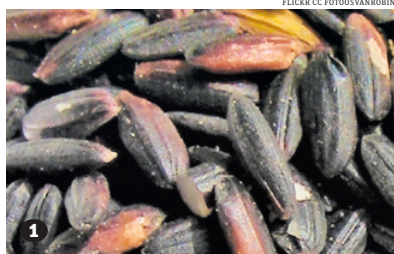
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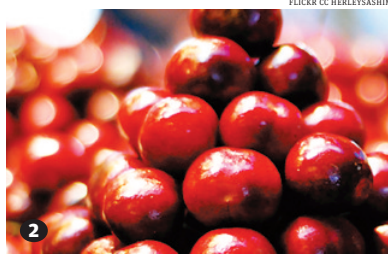
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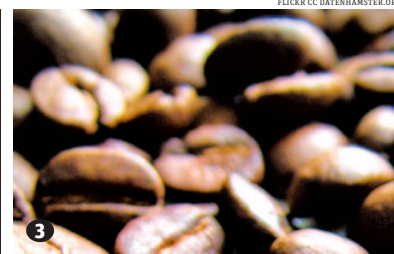
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# Embrace healthy living

► This year, why not resolve to include more super foods to your everyday diet?



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## 1 BLACK RICE

Once consumed only by Chinese nobility, "forbidden" black rice is being hailed as the latest super grain.

"It can help protect against cancer and heart disease and is rich in anthocyanin antioxidants. One spoonful of black rice bran contains more health promoting anthocyanin antioxidants than are found in a spoonful of blueberries," explains Zhimin Xu, associate professor in the Department of Food Science at Louisiana State University.

## 2 CHERRIES

Cherries contain melatonin, the same chemical the brain makes to get us to feel sleepy at night.

"We usually make enough of this naturally but cherries can help those suffering from jet lag or irregular sleeping patterns," explains nutritionist Michele Kingston.

## 3 COFFEE BERRIES

Comprised of the entire coffee fruit as opposed to just the bean, "coffee beans have a stellar antioxidant content," explains Jody Villeco, Whole Foods market nutritionist.

## 4 COCONUT WATER

The super drink of the year, coconut water is the purest liquid after water.

"People assume it's fatty but it's sourced from the young green coconuts and contains no fat at all...and one glass is 60 calories," explains Dana James, New York nutritionist and founder of Food Coach NYC.

## 5 RAW CHOCOLATE

"Raw chocolate is a minimally processed and antioxidant enhanced form of chocolate," says Villeco. Remarkably rich in magnesium, it is important for cardiovascular health.

## 6 BARLEY

Villeco explains how barley's soluble fibre has huge benefits such as keeping blood sugar levels balanced, promoting satiety

and benefiting digestive and heart health. "Barley is high in beta glucan, which helps eliminate cholesterol from our bodies, and niacin (vitamin B3) which helps reduce it," explains Kingston.

## 7 CHESTNUTS

Far lower in calories than other nuts and a vitamin powerhouse (B6 and C), chestnuts make the perfect winter snack.

"They are full of fibre and a great source of magnesium and iron," explains raw food expert Christina Agnew.

## 8 APRICOTS

"Apricots are rich in antioxidant beta-carotene that promotes healthy

eyes and skin, boosts the immune system and the elimination of free radicals," says Agnew.

"Look for sulphite-free varieties and remember that although natural, dried fruit is a concentrated source of sugar," explains Villeco.

## 9 WHITE BUTTON MUSHROOMS

White button mushrooms contain high levels of potassium that helps lower elevated blood pressure as well as selenium, which works with vitamin E to protect the body's cells. They are super low in calories and are very hydrating as they are nearly all water (80 to 90 per cent).

"They also deliver ergosterol, a form of vitamin D," says Villeco.

## How to keep yourself nice and warm this winter

"Cold is a stress on the body, so it's

important to keep warm to avoid this 'stress' response," says nutrition-

ist Michele Kingston.

**1 Layer up:** Pile up the layers when getting dressed and always wear an extra layer than you normally would. Heat gets trapped between each

layer and you will be warmer than if you were wearing one thick one.

**2 Hot bottles:** Go to bed with a hot water bottle, it may be totally old school, but nothing

beats it.

**3 Avoid quick fix heat:** Steam rooms and saunas may not be such a great idea, because the body gets so hot that the cooling mechanisms are acti-

vated and you may end up feeling colder.

**4 Drink and eat up:** Add warming herbs, such as ginger, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg, to your food and drink.



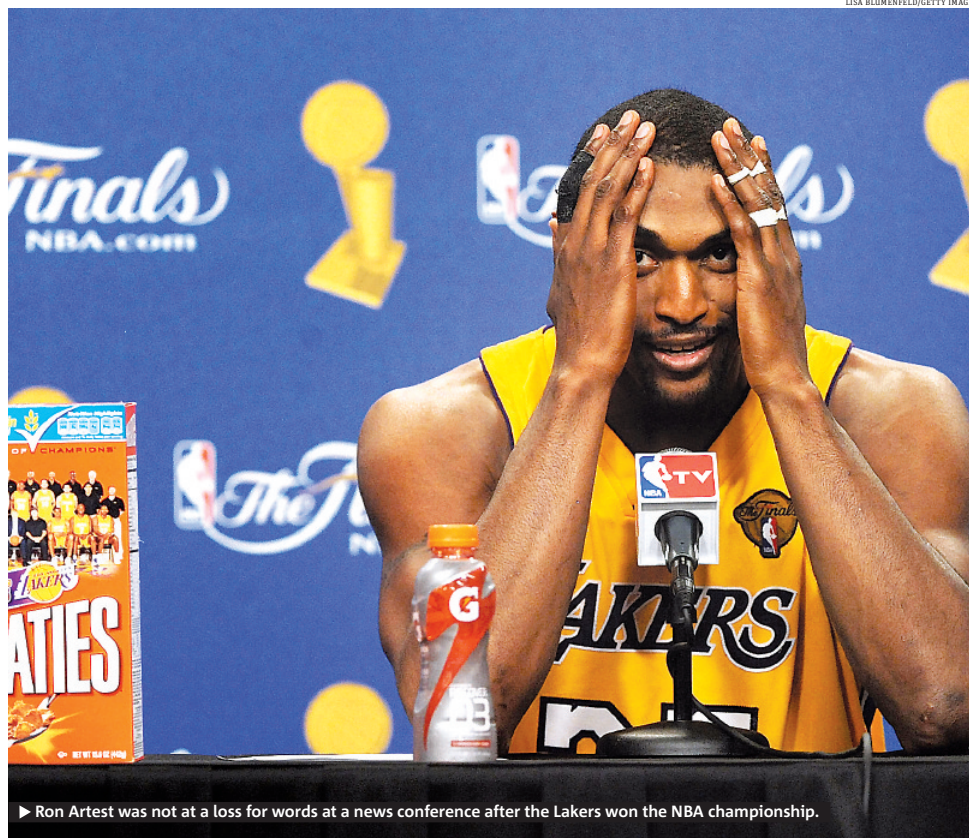


# One strange year

► Metro's John Chick looks at some of the year's odder stories from the world of sport  
► From baffling fashion choices to dangerous dealings with furniture, 2010 had it all

## NBA

It's impossible to summarize Ron Artest's career in one paragraph. To simplify, this is a guy who as a rookie with the Bulls in 1999 (salary then \$1.1 million US) applied for a part-time job at Circuit City to get the employee discount on electronics. This year, however, he'll be remembered for thanking his psychiatrist on live television after helping the Lakers capture the NBA title. To be fair, Artest seems genuine about wanting to shine attention on mental illness — he was set to raffle off his championship ring on Christmas Day to raise funds for that purpose.



► Ron Artest was not at a loss for words at a news conference after the Lakers won the NBA championship.



## UFC

Sean Pierson is an MMA fighter who also had dreams of becoming a Toronto police officer. Unfortunately, this month his other dream of competing in a UFC event (called in after another fighter's injury) helped dash his goal of joining law enforcement. Turns out Pierson used to compete under the moniker "Pimp Daddy," which didn't sit well with the Toronto police. Pierson had a conditional offer of employment with the force that was rescinded after his appearance at UFC 124 in Montreal brought back Internet memories of Pierson's old handle. A police spokesman, clearly referring to the unlawful connotation of the nickname, said it was "not appropriate for a police officer."



## CFL

One of the refreshing things about the CFL is that the league's top players don't make mind-boggling money. Sure, good quarterbacks like Henry Burris are paid well, but instead of private parties with professional models, you'd be more likely to spot a CFL player like Burris at a house party down the street clowning around like a college kid, wearing a bra, exactly as he was photographed doing this year.



## Soccer

Allegations that there are shady secrets in soccer's global governing body are nothing new. However, on the eve of host selections for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups respectively, Andrew Jennings of the venerable BBC newsmagazine Panorama alleged that three senior FIFA officials took bribes in the 1990s. Disappointed by the timing, the chief of England's bid for the 2018 event called the BBC "unpatriotic." Three days later, FIFA awarded Russia the 2018 World Cup.



## NHL

When a pro athlete marries a TV star, you would generally expect a decadent six- or seven-figure event with a clothing budget rivaling the price of real estate. This, however, was not the case in Sweden this summer, when Detroit Red Wings forward Henrik Zetterberg married Swedish TV personality Emma Andersson.



## MLB

For 13 Major League seasons, Russell Branyan has been known for his inability to do anything other than strike out, homer or walk. But thanks to 2010, he'll also be known for being injured by furniture. In July, the Seattle Mariners utilityman woke up in a hotel room and, while on the way to open the curtains, banged into a coffee table, which elevated and landed on his toe. He missed three games. Then in September, while eating with his family at a pizza joint, he reportedly slid off a plastic chair, landing hard on his tailbone. Branyan didn't play again all season, and is now a free agent.

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## Quoted



**"George was The Boss, make no mistake. He built the Yankees into champions, and that's something nobody can ever deny."**

YOGI BERRA, ON GEORGE STEINBRENNER, WHO DIED THIS YEAR AT AGE 80.

**"In my opinion, if he's not as important as Dr. Naismith, he's right next to him."**

CONNECTICUT COACH JIM CALHOUN, ON FORMER UCLA BASKETBALL COACH JOHN WOODEN, WHO DIED AT AGE 99, JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS SHORT OF A CENTURY.



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# 2010: The year Africa held the World Cup

The World Cup finally made it to Africa in 2010 and plans were made to send football's showpiece to even more new destinations.

After South Africa overcame dire predictions of security problems and half-empty stadiums to stage a World Cup that united the country in celebration, FIFA voted to give future tournaments to Russia and Qatar.

South Africa's first-round exit made it the least successful host team in World Cup history, but the rest of the country coped admirably with its biggest global gathering since the end of a decades-long boycott by the sporting world.

Fans worldwide became intimately acquainted with the incessant buzz of the vuvuzela as South Africans celebrated the World Cup and the arrival of many of the superstars they had only seen before on television.

But on the field, the World Cup was far from a classic. Spain's 1-0 win over

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**Club goals scored by Lionel Messi as he helped Barcelona retain the Spanish league crown.**

the Netherlands came in the dirtiest ever final, which was an appropriate end to a tournament that promised much but delivered little.

While Germany again thrilled neutrals to take third place for a second straight tournament, Brazil was dour. Italy and England were even worse, but France took the unofficial title of tournament laughing stock — so consumed by dissent that players refused to train before a 2-1 loss to South Africa that confirmed the team's humiliating first-round exit.

Diego Maradona's presence as coach inspired his beloved Argentina to some fitfully entertaining dis-

plays, with Lionel Messi doing everything except scoring, but Germany dismantled the South Americans 4-0 in the quarterfinals and Maradona was fired soon after.

The fervour of home fans was quelled when five of Africa's six entrants fell in the first round. Although Ghana then beat the United States 2-1 in a game watched by 19.4 million Americans — a U.S. record beaten when 24.3 million watched the final — the remaining enthusiasm turned to anger when a deliberate handball by Uruguay forward Luis Suarez denied their adopted team a winner in the last minute of the quarterfinals.

Suarez was suspended from Uruguay's first semi-final match since 1954, but FIFA refused calls for additional punishment for a cynical act that became one of the most memorable moments of the tournament.

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► Tiger Woods blew a four-shot lead and lost in a playoff to Graeme McDowell at the Chevron World Challenge in 2010.

## Are sports' top stars in decline?

► 2010 felt like the year the big shift may have begun

Spot Tiger Woods a four-stroke lead going into the final round — at his own tournament, no less — and the winner's cheque is a gimme.

At least, it used to be. Not only did Woods fail to cash in at the Chevron World Challenge this month, he went the entire year without winning a single tournament, a first in his career and a drought unthinkable just 13 months ago. But Woods was hardly the only one to have a rough year. From Brett Favre to Roger Federer to Derek Jeter to the Texas Longhorns, many of the old reliables looked, well, old.

It's a new decade, and the sports stars are bound to change. Sure, Woods will (probably) win again and Michael Phelps is in no danger of being lapped. Yet their struggles, coupled with the emergence of new phenoms, offer a glimpse of what the sports world might look like a few years down the road.

Imagine a Super Bowl where Clay Matthews III is chasing down Sam Bradford or Andrew Luck. Rory McIlroy and Rickie Fowler battling it out for golf's No. 1 ranking, perhaps. Kevin Durant, Derrick Rose and John Wall could be the NBA's Big Three for the 20teens.

And did anyone hap-

**"I've never in my tenure seen so much buzz and interest about rookies and young players creating exciting performances."**

TIM FINCHEM,  
PGA TOUR COMMISSIONER

pen to notice how many medals China and South Korea hauled in at the Vancouver Olympics?

"The takeaway on the competition side of 2010, more than anything else, was the tremendous interest in young players coming up," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said this month. "Actually, it has led us to conclude that we really need to focus on that dynamic as we go into 2011."

The now-infamous Thanksgiving-night car crash in 2009 revealed Woods' infidelities, wrecked his marriage and made a mess of his personal life. It's no surprise that the turmoil spilled over into his golf game, too. At one point, Woods went seven starts without a Top 10 finish, the longest stretch of his career.

And on Oct. 31, for the first time in 281 weeks, someone other than Woods was No. 1 in the

world.

Woods' divorce was finalized in late August.

Now, as he turns 35 before the 2011 season starts, all those career marks he's supposed to hit don't necessarily look like such a certainty.

As for Favre, he insists he is done after this year, and he might really mean it this time.

He may not have a choice.

A season of hard hits, broken bones and missed chances has taken its toll on the former MVP, topped by the sprained throwing shoulder he got when the Bills' Arthur Moats decelerated him. That ended the quarterback's epic streak of consecutive starts at 297.

"Relief, in one sense. There wasn't a whole lot of pressure on me today," Favre said after his first game on the sidelines since 1992.

He made one last rally, returning a week later to start against the Chicago Bears, only to be knocked out of the game, suffering what he called a concussion when he was slammed to the frigid turf.

Even before that, Favre was looking every one of his 41 years. He was picked off 18 times in the first 12 games of the season while throwing just 10 touchdowns.

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